Title: Regarding postponment of the discussion on the Ayodhya issue.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Banatwalla, what is your personal explanation?

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (PONNANI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have been kind enough to point out that the Leaders of the Parties and the Groups have reached you and requested you for the postponement of the discussion on the Ayodhya issue. I only want to point out that I am not a party to that. That is the only clarification I have been making.

Sir, you will remember that from the first day I had been asking for immediate discussion on the Ayodhya issue, so much so that I even came forward with an amendment to the Business Advisory Committee Report and this House, including the Ruling Party which is so restless to have the discussion today itself, rejected my amendment.

But they also rejected my amendment asking for an immediate discussion. I am only, therefore, clarifying to the fact that I am not a party to the request for any postponement of the discussion that has taken place. That is a different thing. From the very beginning, I have asked for an immediate discussion.